

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**  
**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: RULES AND REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING MINIMUM : DOCKET NO. 3827  
EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR CERTAIN NEW PRODUCTS :  
SOLD IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND :

**NOTICE OF RULEMAKING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to the provisions of Rhode Island General Laws §§39-1, 42-35 and 42-46-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, April 16, 2007 at 11:00 A.M.** in a the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island the purpose of affording all interested persons an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, orally or in writing, in response to the Commission's plan to amend the existing Rules and Regulations Establishing Minimum Efficiency Standards for Certain New Products Sold in the State of Rhode Island that were jointly adopted by the Public Utilities Commission and the State Energy Office on January 1, 2007. The amended Rules are being proposed in conjunction with the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources, formerly, the State Energy Office.

The purpose of the amended Rules is to comply with R.I. General Laws §39-27-1 et seq. and specifically R.I. General Laws §39-27-5. The amended rules add new products and create standards for the new products sold, offered for sale or installed in the State of Rhode Island. Such new products include bottle-type water dispensers, commercial hot food holding cabinets, residential boiler and residential furnaces, state-regulated incandescent reflector lamps, and walk-in refrigerators and walk-in freezers.

The regulations will apply to all persons or entities offering for sale or installing in the State of Rhode Island of certain new products that are listed in the rules.

The regulations, in both form existing and proposed in a redacted version specifying additions and deletions, are on file in the Clerk's Office at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. A

copy of the proposed regulations may be obtained in person at the Commission, by mail by calling 941-4500, ext. 107 or may be accessed at [www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/3827page.html](http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/3827page.html).

Interested persons wishing to offer data, views, or arguments on the proposed regulations may do so either orally, on the day of the hearing, or in writing, by submitting their comments to the Commission Clerk, Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, R.I. 02888. In addition, written comments will be accepted at the above address until 4:00 P.M. on May 3, 2007. An original and nine (9) copies of written comments must be filed with the Clerk.

Reference is also made to Chapters 42-35 and 39-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Specifically Sections, 42-35-1, 42-35-2, 42-35-3, 42-35-4, 42-35-5, 39-1-1, 39-1-3, 39-1-11, 39-1-18, 39-1-38 and 39-26-1 et seq.

Luly E. Massaro  
Commission Clerk  
April 3, 2007